

March 4, 1953

Kaiser Steel Corporation  
Sunnyside Mines  
Sunnyside, Utah

Attention: Mr. R. G. Heers, Manager

Dear Sir:

RE: PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION

In answer to your letter of February 28, 1953, which was written in reply to my letter of February 25th, I am enclosing a copy of the complaint filed by the Secretary of the Price River Adjudication Committee, on which information our letter was based. Naturally, if you have not polluted the stream no further action will be taken.

It is noted in your letter that you state there are only two irrigated farms below your dam on Grassy Trail Creek. At the Water Users' meeting, held in Price on February 10th these users, together with the Chairman of the Price River Adjudication Committee, Mr. George Waterman, complained about the very condition which you cite in the third paragraph of your letter; namely, that the stream bed of the Grassy Trail has been dried up completely by the operation of the reservoir.

The plans and specifications provided that measuring devices would be placed on both sources of supply to the reservoir so that the amount of water placed in storage would not exceed the amount of your right; that the balance be measured out and allowed to flow down the stream to supply junior water rights which supply those farms below, which you mentioned. The complaint is that no water is allowed to pass the reservoir and there is no way of determining whether you are storing in excess of your rights or not. It is my understanding that a small notch weir was placed in these streams, however, it is questionable whether these weirs have the capacity to handle any more water than perhaps the 5 second feet to which you have priority.

The complaint has also been made that there is no way for the Water Commissioner to determine the amount of water being released through your pipe line or through the spillway. These water users claim that the operation of the dam has shut the water off so tight that springs that rose in Grassy Trail have dried up and no



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water is available to these users who are next in line after  
you have received your prior rights.  
It is hoped that measuring devices can be provided so  
that the Water Commissioner can keep account of the flow avail-  
able in the interest of providing some water to the irrigators  
below your dam.

Very truly yours,

Joseph M. Tracy  
STATE ENGINEER

L. C. Monson  
CHIEF DEPUTY STATE ENGINEER

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Enc: Copy of complaint

cc: Mr. John Bene, Secretary  
Price River Adjudication Committee  
Price, Utah